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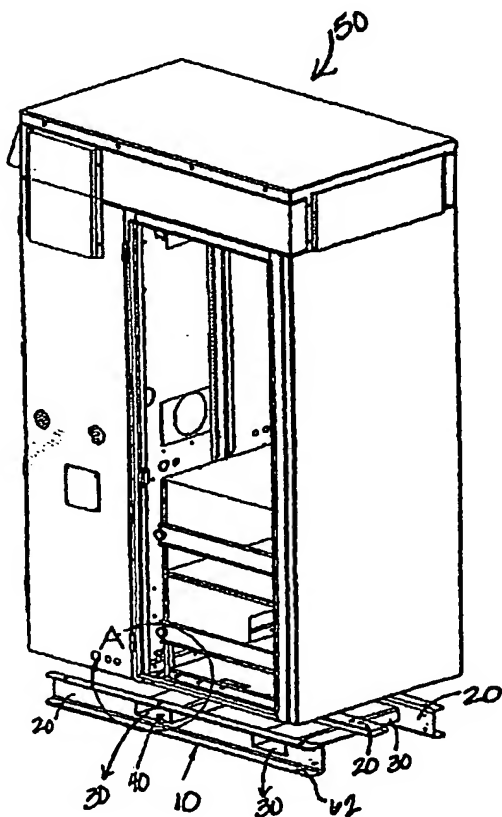
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(57) Abstract: The subject matter described herein is directed to a base assembly that includes: a) a frame system; b) a plurality of receiving members coupled to the frame system; and c) at least one coupling apparatus, whereby the coupling apparatus is designed to couple or facilitate the coupling of the base assembly to a load component. The subject matter described herein also is directed to a load assembly that includes: a) a base assembly described herein; and b) a load component. Methods of producing a load assembly include a) providing a base assembly; b) providing a load component; and c) coupling the base assembly and the load component.



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